



The PRESENT STATE of  
**Doctor Steevens's Hospital;**

Together, with a Scheme to enlarge the Fund, for the Maintenance and Cure of 300 Sick Persons.



**D**OCTOR *Richard Steevens*, an Eminent Physician of *Dublin*, did in the Year 1710, by his last Will, bequeath to his Sister Mrs. *Grizel Steevens*, all his real Estate, to the Value of 600*l.* *per Ann.* or thereabouts, for her Life: And after her Decease to erect and endow an Hospital, near *Dublin*, for the Maintenance and Cure of the sick, and wounded, *curable Poor* of this Kingdom.

Mrs. *Grizel Steevens*, out of regard to her Brother's Memory, and being desirous to promote so great a Charity, did, soon after her Brother's Decease, purchase Lands in a proper Place near this City, and begin to build a fair and convenient Hospital: But much larger than her Brother's Fortune cou'd endow, in hopes that such People whom God had bless'd with Wealth, and charitable Minds, might be moved to contribute to, and compleat so pious a Design.

This Lady, assisted by the Legacies of some, and the Donations of others, finished more than two Thirds of the Building, and furnished some Parts of it, with all Things necessary for the Entertainment of Forty Sick Persons: Which Number she is pleased to maintain and provide for during her Life.

The Governors (who are a Corporation by Act of Parliament) willing to compleat what was left unfinished by Mrs. *Steevens*, did set about a Charitable Subscription, whereby they soon raised near 1500*l.* which has been expended towards finishing the Building.

The Building is now compleat, and capable of receiving 300 Sick Persons or more, when sufficient Benefactions shall be made for their Support.

In order to provide the sooner for so large a Number, it is Proposed, that the Beds, over and above what may be supported by the full Income of Dr. *Steevens's* Charity, be numbered: and each Number be endow'd for ever singly, by such Persons as are disposed to promote so charitable a Work.

That each Bed, so numbred and endowed, shall have the respective Benefactor's Name affixed to it; And that such Benefactor his Heirs and Assigns for ever shall have a Right, from Time to Time, to recommend to their respective vacant Bed; provided the Patients recommended be within the Laws and Rules of the Hospital.

An Estimate having been made, it is found that the Sum of 200*l.* *Sterl.* or ten Pounds *per Ann.* is sufficient to endow one Bed for ever, so as to provide it with *Bedding, Diet, Attendance, Medicines, Nurse-keeper, Coals, Candles and Washing.*

And because there are many Persons very charitably disposed who are not able to lay out the Sum of 200*l.* it is farther proposed that two, three, or four Persons joining may endow one Bed, whereby Each of them, their Heirs and Assigns, may have two, three, or four Turns of Recommendation in one Year, and so on for ever.

Upon this Scheme, a Sum of Money hath already been given, and it is hoped, that in a little Time, such farther Endowments will be made, as may provide for the Recovery of great Numbers of poor decay'd *House-keepers, Tradesmen, and Labourers*, who by Sickness, or Hurts, are disabled from earning Bread, for the Support of their numerous and perishing Families.

This Hospital was opened, for the Reception of Mrs. *Steevens's* Charity, on the 23d of July, 1733. And since that Time, to the Date hereof, there have been cured and discharged, of wounded, maimed, sick and diseased Persons, out of this City, and other Parts of the Kingdom,

Buried after much Charge in their Illness,

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Remain under Cure, at the Charge of the Hospital,

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*N. B.* Any poor Persons labouring under sudden Accidents, Fevers, or Pleurisies, will be

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received on any Day, and Hour, (provided there be Room) without the usual Certificates.

Dated at Dr. *Steevens's* Hospital  
the 10th. of Jan. 1734-5.

Signed by Order,

Mic. Wills,